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Dr. John N. Stauffer Elected Juniata President



DR. JOHN H. STAUFFER

Wittenberg prexy and JC alumnus chosen

Dr. John N. Stauffer, president of Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, since June 4, 1963, was elected the seventh president of Juniata College, his alma mater.

Dr. Stauffer, 52, will assume office as Juniata's first lay president on September 1 succeeding Dr. Calvert N. Ellis who recently announced his intention to retire after 25 years of service.

Both Dr. Stauffer, a native of Palmyra, and his wife, the former M. Louise Lee of Altoona, Pa., were graduated from Juniata in 1936. Dr. Stauffer, a past national president of the Juniata Alumni Association, was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by Juniata in 1964. He is also a member of the Juniata board of trustees.

Announcement of Dr. Stauffer's election was made by Dr. John C. Baker, chairman of the Juniata board, during a special board meeting on campus Saturday, March 2. In Springfield, Ohio, meanwhile, the executive committee of Wittenberg's board met to receive Dr. Stauffer's resignation, effective August 31, and to set in motion steps needed to elect a new president.

Dr. Stauffer has been at Wittenberg since 1947. He went there as dean of students and assistant professor of psychology, was advanced to the rank of associate professor in 1953 and in 1957 became dean of the college and was advanced to the rank of professor. In 1963 he became the first Wittenberg president selected from within the faculty in 60 years.

During Dr. Stauffer's five years as

Ellis and Baker express personal joy

Dr. John C. Baker, chairman of the Juniata board was greatly pleased with the selection of Dr. Stauffer as Juniata's president. In a statement Dr. Baker pointed out that, "Juniata College has had the great good fortune to have had a long line of distinguished presidents."

He continued, "The election of Dr. John N. Stauffer is welcomed by all associated with the College and will continue this remarkable tradition. His background as an alumnus of Juniata College and his educational interests, his experience and his per-

sonal involvement in Juniata affairs, make him the ideal person to succeed Dr. Calvert N. Ellis."

A special meeting was called so the Juniata faculty could be informed of the selection of Dr. Stauffer. At the meeting Baker commented, "The selection and acceptance by Dr. Stauffer is a tremendous compliment to Juniata College."

At the same meeting Dr. Ellis remarked, "I'm honored to have served this College and faculty and I'm particularly honored to turn over the reins to Dr. Stauffer on September 1."

Wittenberg's ninth president, the university has advanced on all fronts. Assets have grown 42 per cent, from \$24,139,265 to approximately \$34,300,000. The undergraduate enrollment has increased nearly 29 per cent, from 1,866 to 2,398, and the number of full-time faculty members has jumped nearly 41 per cent, from 109 to 154. Compensation for the faculty has increased 32 per cent and space for academic programs has grown 67 per cent, from 140,367 square feet to 235,202. This year's budget is \$7,240,000, up 65 per cent from 1963.

Outstanding record

Other major advancements made during Dr. Stauffer's five-year presidency include

—Revision of the undergraduate program with greater emphasis on quality of liberal learning, new requirements for graduation, a new calendar, and many innovations developed by the faculty.

—Establishment of the School of Music as a major division of the university.

—Revision of the role of the School of Community Education to meet changing needs in the field of continuing education.

—Introduction of new budgeting and financial control procedures.

—Establishment of a master plan for campus development.

—Improvement of institutional and residential facilities through the erection of three new buildings and the rehabilitation of older ones.

In a letter to Dr. Baker indicating his willingness to accept the Juniata presidency, Dr. Stauffer outlined eight reasons for his action:

"I have a deep sense of debt to Juniata as alma mater, a debt I have acknowledged but that I never expected to be able to attempt to repay.

"Juniata's commitment to liberal arts education is congruent with my primary professional interests and beliefs. I like the idea of leading and building a single-purpose institution.

"The structure and function of Juniata's board of trustees are, in my opinion, most desirable and defensible. While committed to the Christian tradition, the college and its board stand

THE PRESIDENTS

Elder James Quinter
1878-1888

Elder Henry B. Brumbaugh
1888-1894

Martin Grove Brumbaugh
1894-1910
1924-1930

I. Harvey Brumbaugh
1911-1924

Charles Calvert Ellis
1930-1943

Calvert N. Ellis
1943-1968

John N. Stauffer
1968-

J. M. Zuck
Principal 1876-1878

free from control by a church body. Juniata's tradition and present posture are favorable to the pluralism and the ecumenism appropriate to the needs of students.

"The size and character of Juniata's student body and faculty are such as to permit the more intimate relationships which I find personally rewarding. Such direct encounters among students, faculty, and administrative officers are, indeed, essential to Juniata's uniqueness and effectiveness.

Proud of record

"Juniata's academic reputation is appealing. As an alumnus, I have been proud of the college's exceptional record in sending students of promise to the graduate and professional schools. To seek to continue this would be a welcome challenge.

"Juniata's religious tradition is one with which I can identify, especially as this is interpreted in terms of altruistic service and high moral and ethical standards.

"The campus climate is conducive

to increasing strength in the liberal arts and sciences. I include here the residential nature of the college, the Christian world-view, and the moral seriousness that are major elements of the Juniata tradition.

"There is work to be done to which I will gladly be committed and in which I will be most willing to consume the remaining years of my professional career. The tasks, as I see them, are leadership, administration, and unrelenting fund raising, and the conditions for success in these tasks are most favorable."

After graduation from Juniata, Dr. Stauffer received the master of arts degree in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and studied further at Harvard University and the Ohio State University. In 1956, he earned the doctorate in counseling and higher education from the Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Stauffer has been president of both the Association of Ohio College Presidents and Deans and of the Ohio Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He is presently treasurer of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges and a member of the executive committee of the Ohio College Association.

The Juniata president-elect formerly served as a member of the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the North-Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and in 1965 was elected by the Ohio Board of Regents to serve on its advisory committee on private colleges and universities.

Lutheran leader

Throughout his 21 years at Wittenberg, Dr. Stauffer has been active in church and civic affairs. He is a former member of the council at Springfield's Fourth Lutheran Church and in 1961 was chairman of the successful "Fourth Moves Forward" campaign. He is a member of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement and a delegate to biennial conventions of the Lutheran Church in America.

Dr. Stauffer has been president of three Springfield community groups—the Clark County Mental Health Society, the Community Welfare Council and the Public Forum of Springfield and Clark County. He was formerly vice president of the Y. M. C.

A. board and is presently vice president of the United Appeals Fund. He is also a member of the Rotary Club.

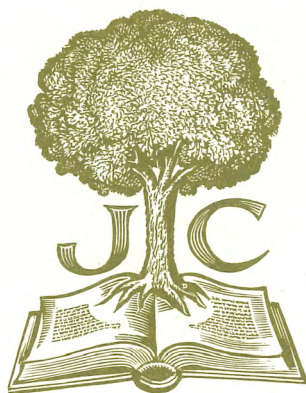
Dr. Stauffer has been a member of the National Board of Y. M. C. A.'s since 1961 and currently serves as chairman of the board's committee on personnel services. He was vice president of the National Council of Y. M. C. A.'s from 1965 to 1967 and earlier was president of the Ohio-West Virginia Area Council of Y. M. C. A.'s.

Interested also in the business community, Dr. Stauffer is a member of the board of directors of the Columbia Gas System, Inc., and of the three subsidiaries of that company doing business in Ohio. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Cincinnati branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Dr. Stauffer went to Wittenberg from Harvard University where he had been assistant director of the Veterans Guidance Center and lecturer on educational guidance from 1945 to 1947. Earlier he had been director of the Y. M. C. A. Counseling Service in Hartford, Conn., senior psychologist at the Pennsylvania Industrial School in Huntingdon, and teacher of mathematics at Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pa.

Dr. Stauffer is listed in major biographical reference books such as "Who's Who in America" and "American Men of Science." He is a member of numerous professional organizations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Association of Higher Education and American Association of University Professors.

Dr. and Mrs. Stauffer have four children — Donald, a student at Springfield North High School; Nancy, an instructor in French at Worthington High School; Thomas, a doctoral candidate in political science at the University of Denver; and John, a medical student at the University of Rochester.



An open letter to Juniata faculty and students

Let me tell you of my joy in anticipating my new association with you. The action of the Board of Trustees electing me to the Juniata presidency opens a new opportunity for service for which I am deeply grateful. I trust that, in undertaking this new work, my efforts may be helpful to the College's advancement and specifically helpful to you, who are now on the campus, and to those who follow.

Mrs. Stauffer and I look forward eagerly to our return to Juniata. Perhaps our feelings are best expressed in the following paragraph from a letter sent on March 2 to Wittenberg faculty and students:

Those who do not understand the language of love for Alma Mater—who do not sense the respect and gratitude for Juniata that I have felt deeply since my student days—will not understand my decision. When faced with two positive alternatives, Wittenberg and Juniata,

these personal considerations have tipped the balance. I anticipate a new adventure and with it I shall try to settle a debt that I never expected to be able to attempt to repay.

It would be premature now to speak of plans and programs. For me, next year will be a time for learning about today's Juniata. I shall welcome every opportunity to gain from you a clear perception of the college's needs and aspirations—of the strengths and weaknesses of the foundation upon which we shall base our efforts during the coming years.

Fortunately, this foundation upon which we shall build has been reinforced from the beginning of Juniata's history by strong commitment to the objectives of Christian liberal arts education. These objectives are, in my opinion, even more urgent today than in the past. My deepest desire is that Juniata will continue to pursue these

Annual Fund Shows Gains

Joseph R. Good '33, Director of the Annual Fund, reports that as of February 13, 806 alumni have contributed \$161,692.00 to the Annual Fund. With several months remaining in the fiscal year, both total dollar amount and participation have increased over 1966-67.

"Special gifts have led the solid growth in the earlier months, but now through the full impact of the Class Fund Agent program and the local 'eyeball-eardrum' efforts, participation will increase rapidly toward the goal of 2100 contributors," according to the dynamic Good.

The report shows that approximately 20% (153) of the participants did not contribute last year and 7% (61) are first time contributors.

Director Good says, "Alumni must continue to lead so that the other constituencies, namely the Church of the Brethren, the Parents Association, and the Juniata Associates will continue their excellent records of support. Before foundations and businesses give us funds of any kind, or individuals consider bequests or annuity agreements, the question of alumni annual giving is raised."

objectives faithfully, soundly, and with good effect in the lives of her students.

All of us who know about Juniata's growth in strength have particular reason to express gratitude to President and Mrs. Ellis for their matchless dedication and self-giving effort. Their work has held my admiration from my own student days until the present. In the future I shall join continuously with you in thankfulness for their accomplishments in Juniata's behalf, knowing that what they have done for Juniata has been done for all of us.

Mrs. Stauffer and I are looking forward to an early visit to the campus. We want to learn to know you and to anticipate with you the adventure that we shall share, beginning in September.

Cordially yours,

JOHN N. STAUFFER

CAMPUS CALENDAR

ART EXHIBITIONS (Shoemaker Galleries)

- April 10-26 —Juniata Group Show
Barbash, Taylor and Troy
- May 6-27 —Mid-State Artists
- June 3-24 —Mead Show

CONCERTS

- April 29 —Mertine Johns 8:15 p. m.
Mezzo-Soprano Oller Auditorium

LECTURES

- April 16 —*Focus*: Dr. Francis O. Schmitt 8:15 p. m.
Oller Auditorium
- April 17 —*Science*: Dr. Francis O. Schmitt
- April 22 —Willard Trask
Visiting Lecturer in Humanities 8:15 p. m.
Alumni Hall
- Science*: Dr. Ronald G. Vincent, M.D.
- April 26 —*Science*: Dr. John G. Cady
- May 1, 2 —*Science*: Dr. J. N. Stannard
- May 9 —*Science*: Milton E. Terry

FOCUS FILMS (Alumni Hall)

- April 18 —Death of a Salesman
- April 19 —Teddy at the Throttle / Born Yesterday
- April 25 —A Fool There Was
- April 26 —Posada / The Young and the Damned

PERFORMANCES

- May 3 —Musical Program 8:15 p. m.
Oller Auditorium
- May 5 —Recital: Karen Sedgwick 2 p. m.
Oller Auditorium
- May 19 —Student Recital 2 p. m.
Oller Auditorium
- June 1 —Commencement Chorus 8:15 p. m.
Oller Auditorium

CAMPUS DATES

- March 30
- April 15 —Spring Vacation
- April 17 —Founders Day Convocation Oller Auditorium
Dr. Francis O. Schmitt
- April 28 —Christian College Day
- May 4 —May Day
Annual Alumni Meeting
Brethren Campus Day
Dedication of Academic Classroom Building
- May 11 —Spring Mountain Day
- May 14 —All Sports Banquet
- May 15 —Senior Convocation Oller Auditorium
- May 17 —Trustee-Faculty Dinner
- May 18 —Trustee Meeting
- June 2 —Baccalaureate 10:45 a. m.
Oller Auditorium
- Commencement 2:30 p. m.
Speaker: Roy E. Larsen, Time Inc.
- June 17 to
Aug. 23 —Summer Sessions
- July 8 to
Aug. 24 —Summer Institute: Chemical Equilibrium

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